

Cultural Council Minutes

September 15, 2010

Present: Kathy Feek, Leah Kliger, Amy Whittenburg, Jeff Parks, Melissa Nelson, Rebecca Devere, Bhaj Townsend, GG Getz Ellen Miller-Wolfe (staff) Julie Huffman (staff). Jim Pilon (guest)

Absent: Cathy Heffron, Emily Hanna, Margit Moore, Erik Gordon, Sheila Mickool

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion made and all approved the minutes as corrected. Correction re: retreat planning. It is Cathy, not Kathy who agreed to help with the retreat.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Guest Presenter

Jim Pilon with the Early Music Guild here to announce the Autumn Concert Series at the Northlake Unitarian Universalist Church. They are very excited to bring this series to the Eastside. They have had it in Seattle for years. Jim would love the Cultural Council's support either in promoting the events or financially.

Financial Update

Cultural Council would like to ask for 10-15k from 4Culture. Artilization has funds that have been spent that they would like get reimbursed for at about \$1000, including funds they think will be spent for the rest of the year. Staff discussed the carryover process at the City. Motion to request 15k for staffing funds from 4Culture. Council would like to write a letter requesting a carryover from the City budget. Council would like to use the carryover funds for Artilization and for CACHET events. The council would like to know when they will know about the carryover decision. Motion to reimburse Artilization team for \$750 and to discuss further at retreat. Members have spent \$350 of their own funds already. They estimate that each Artwalk needs \$250. Council would like to discuss this funding of the Artwalk issue further at the retreat. Motion amended to utilize funds if not able to be rolled over, for Artwalk. Council could also ask the Chamber for funds, since all of the signs say it is sponsored by the CC and the Chamber. Julie explained the budget situation at the City in general. Motion for Leah to support 1% for the arts for ALL CIP projects. All motions pass.

Staff Report

Postponed due to time constraints to a later time in the meeting. Retreat will be at the house in McAuliffe park. KCC would like the food provided but would like the smallest amount of money spent possible. Agenda proposed: accomplishments 2010, work of the committees for next year, succession planning for committee heads who will be leaving, brainstorming people who we would like to encourage to apply, 1% for art, raising awareness of the artwalk and the KCC, art in the schools, budget concerns, buskers and artist lofts. Committee will have to balance capacity

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Kirkland CACHET

CACHET event on Sept 28. Would like to send it out to Tourism Networking list and the City Council. Double check that the City Council is invited. Will do a follow up reminder to CACHET, to the list of friends of KCC, and to the Networking list. Council would love to have "the" central arts calendar to avoid double booking dates. CACHET committee will discuss further. Meetings on first Monday of month at 5:30 at St. James. CACHET discussed giving an award at the event for the 'greatest art supporter'. Council would like to discuss this further at the retreat.

FUNd Development

GG reported that the committee is looking for both short term fund raising and longer term creation of a signature event. Leah had an idea to have house parties “artisanal tastings” with tickets sold through Brown Paper Tickets (\$15-\$50). The host would be the sponsor, so all proceeds would go to the Cultural Council. They are hoping it will bring in \$2500-\$3000. Ideas for the parties are a junk food dinner, chocolate tasting, ice cream tasting (blind), olive oil vinegar and bread, high tea, brunch, cheese tasting. These will be ARTisanal parties. Committee is looking for people to host the party or assist with one.

Another idea is “Artist in the Attic”, similar to what Evergreen is doing with Howard Mandville. That is like an art garage sale.

They have also discussed a signature event and had some great ideas for that. One that they are considering is Spoleto.

Artilizing Kirkland

Busy getting ready for next Artilizing meeting at end of the month. They spoke to Tourism Networking meeting and will speak at Heritage Hall for the Market Neighborhood. CACHET would like the committee to present at the next event on the ARTilization activities. Kathy and Rebecca met with the Great Wild Salmon Run people to discuss the event. Question about requesting funds to be raised for the Cultural Council. They will pay the artist a flat fee (rather than proceeds). Kathy can ask that the Cultural Council receive funds from the event. This is a newly created nonprofit to put the word out about the cause of the wild salmon and work with artists and writers. She gets money from sponsors, which will go to salmon preservation organizations who request grants. Latest artwalk was not as encouraging as the previous one. Artilization would like support from Cultural Council at the artwalk where possible to support and encourage the artists. Committee needs someone to help with publicity. Committee would like to discuss the artwalk and busking at the retreat.

Public/Private Art

Committee recommends the council vote to not accept the Oberto sculpture at this time. Bob is drafting a letter to the Oberto family to explain the situation, and that will go out to the family on City letterhead. Motion carried.

Bronze sculpture on Park Lane (boy with birds on concrete pedestal) that is temporarily sited. Committee recommends that we accept the sculpture for one year, and encourage them to choose a colorful moving sculpture instead of the bronze. That letter would need to be written by the City staff, with clarification that the Cultural Council is the decision maker on potential art donations. Discussion of the desires of the downtown merchants around the sculpture and the Park Lane plan as a whole. Concern noted about alienating the downtown merchants by suggesting an alternate piece of art. The message could address their concerns of bringing people down to the end of Park Lane and the concern that this piece of art will not do that, but that others might accomplish that better. Motion to recommend to the City Council that they accept the piece for one year on a short term loan, with the decision on accepting a gift of that sculpture to be postponed until the Park Lane plan is in progress. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00.